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**BACKGROUND AND KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- In August 2008, renewed fighting between the Government of Pakistan (GOP) and militant groups in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Swat District in Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) resulted in widespread displacement and insecurity. Civil conflict displaced more than 290,000 people in nine districts of NWFP between August 2008 and mid-February 2009, according to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). This figure includes 186,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) registered since December 2.
- In recent months, ongoing sectarian violence and intensified clashes between government forces and militant groups have caused new displacement and impeded humanitarian access to vulnerable populations.
- Due to ongoing insecurity, the U.N. launched a revised flash appeal on January 30 requesting \$127 million to assist an estimated 625,000 IDPs, the expected total caseload in coming months. The revised appeal marks a \$72 million increase from the September 2008 appeal and prioritizes food aid, water, relief commodities, and programs to address needs in nutrition, shelter and settlements, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).
- USAID/OFDA currently supports an emergency disaster response coordinator (EDRC) in Pakistan to assess humanitarian conditions, identify priority needs, and monitor U.S. government humanitarian assistance.
- Due to ongoing humanitarian needs and displacement, USAID/OFDA has allocated an additional \$4.2 million to be awarded to humanitarian agencies and organizations working in conflict-affected areas.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Number of Conflict-Affected IDPs Residing in Official Camps in NWFP	59,140	UNHCR – February 9, 2009
Total Number of Conflict-Affected IDPs Residing Outside of Official Camps in NWFP	231,705	UNHCR – February 9, 2009
Total Number of Conflict-Affected IDPs in NWFP	290,845	UNHCR – February 9, 2009

**FY 2008 AND FY 2009 FUNDING FOR CONFLICT-AFFECTED POPULATIONS**

USAID/OFDA Assistance for Conflict-Affected Populations .....\$4,309,144  
USAID/OTI<sup>1</sup> Assistance for Conflict-Affected Populations .....\$1,498,339  
USAID/Pakistan Assistance for Conflict-Affected Populations .....\$1,529,275  
State/PRM<sup>2</sup> Assistance for Conflict-Affected Populations<sup>3</sup> .....\$5,300,000  
Total USAID and State Assistance for Conflict-Affected Populations in Pakistan .....\$12,636,758

**CURRENT SITUATION**

- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), counter-insurgency operations have intensified in recent weeks in Swat District, NWFP, and Bajaur Agency, FATA, limiting humanitarian access and resulting in new displacement. In addition, relief agencies anticipate continued clashes in Mohmand Agency.
- On February 9, UNHCR reported that more than 290,000 people remained displaced in NWFP due to ongoing conflict and insecurity. In addition, as violence continued and host communities exhausted coping mechanisms, IDP camps received an influx of new arrivals in recent weeks.
- Relief agencies and district authorities have registered IDPs in Peshawar, Nowshera, Mardan, Kohat, Upper Dir, Lower Dir, Charsadda, Swat, and Swabi districts in NWFP.

<sup>1</sup> USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI)

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration's (State/PRM)

<sup>3</sup> This figure does not include more than \$51 million in regional humanitarian assistance provided by State/PRM in FY 2008.

### ***Displacement***

- As of February 9, UNHCR estimated that more than 59,000 people resided in 12 established IDP camps in NWFP. An additional 231,000 IDPs reside with host families throughout NWFP, according to UNHCR.
- According to OCHA, camp populations continue to rise as a result of ongoing clashes and exhausted coping mechanisms of host communities. As of January 30, OCHA reported approximately 600 people per day arriving to IDP camp facilities.
- Approximately 57 percent of IDPs registered outside of camps have cited Bajaur Agency as the place of origin, and nearly 18 percent of IDPs declare Swat District as the place of origin, according to UNHCR. Most IDPs residing with host families are currently located in Peshawar, Mardan, and Charsadda districts.
- At present, U.N. agencies and provincial authorities continue to register both camp-based IDPs and IDPs residing with host families. On February 3, the USAID/OFDA EDRC reported that humanitarian agencies had registered an estimated 61 percent of total IDPs residing in host communities. UNHCR has identified shelter, health, food, livelihoods, and WASH interventions as priority humanitarian needs for both camp-based IDPs and IDPs residing with host families.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$4.3 million for displaced and conflict-affected individuals and host communities in NWFP.

### ***Shelter and Settlements***

- According to the USAID/OFDA EDRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) manages and provides assistance in six NWFP IDP camps located in Lower Dir, Upper Dir, and Swat districts. U.N. agencies and non-governmental organization (NGO) partners support the remaining camps located in Nowshera, Peshawar, Charsadda, and Malakand districts.
- UNHCR continues to relocate people residing in spontaneous sites to established IDP camps. On December 3, Sheikh Yasin camp, an unofficial camp without humanitarian presence, closed after UNHCR facilitated the relocation of the IDP population to UNHCR-monitored Jalozai I in Nowshera District.
- In FY 2008, USAID/OFDA provided \$250,000 through U.N. agencies for technical shelter assistance, camp management, and housing for returnees in NWFP.

### ***Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene***

- U.N. agencies and humanitarian partners continue to monitor the provision of safe drinking water in IDP camps. In addition, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) reported that humanitarian partners had constructed 1,394 sanitation facilities as of December 3.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/OFDA has provided \$1.5 million to implementing partners for emergency water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions in NWFP.

### ***Humanitarian Access***

- According to OCHA, ongoing violence and targeted attacks against humanitarian staff continue to restrict access to displaced populations and impede assessment activities in NWFP, particularly in Swat District.
- Violence has displaced or severely affected nearly 50 percent of Swat's 1.8 million residents, according to OCHA. Despite access constraints, on February 7, the U.N. began operations to provide relief commodities for up to 12,000 people displaced by ongoing violence. U.N. assistance includes food aid, blankets, plastic sheeting, water containers, kitchen sets, and soap.
- In February, the U.N. World Food Program plans to distribute food aid to more than 37,500 people in the six camps managed by the U.N. in NWFP. In addition, the USAID/OFDA EDRC reports that U.N. agencies continue to work with the GOP Ministry of Social Welfare to facilitate relief commodity distribution to IDPs residing with host families.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/OFDA has provided \$710,000 to implementing partners for humanitarian coordination and information management activities and the provision of emergency relief commodities.

## **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CONFLICT-AFFECTED POPULATIONS**

- On August 19, 2008, U.S. Ambassador Anne W. Patterson requested USAID/OFDA assistance to address humanitarian needs resulting from civil conflict and displacement in Pakistan.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$9.2 million in humanitarian assistance to Pakistan, including more than \$4.3 million to conflict-affected populations and host communities in NWFP and more than \$4.9 million in response to earthquakes and floods. At present, USAID/OFDA is supporting programs in health, nutrition, humanitarian coordination and information management, risk reduction, shelter and settlements, and WASH interventions, as well as providing relief supplies and logistical support.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/OTI has provided nearly \$1.5 million in humanitarian assistance to displaced persons, returnees, and host communities in NWFP. USAID/OTI is currently providing relief commodities

- to vulnerable populations and supporting agriculture and food security, economy and market systems, shelter and settlements, economy and market systems, and WASH programs.
- In addition to development assistance, in FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/Pakistan has provided more than \$1.5 million in humanitarian assistance to displaced persons and conflict-affected populations in FATA, including support for livelihood recovery programs and relief commodities.
  - State/PRM has provided \$5.3 million for health, protection, humanitarian coordination, shelter and settlements, and WASH activities, as well as the provision of relief commodities in FY 2009. In FY 2008, State/PRM provided more than \$51 million in regional humanitarian assistance to populations in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iran, including assistance to conflict-affected populations in Pakistan.

#### USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR CONFLICT-AFFECTED POPULATIONS IN PAKISTAN

FY 2009			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
UNICEF	WASH	NWFP	\$1,000,000
	Administrative Support Costs	Countrywide	\$13,464
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$1,013,464</b>
<b>USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE</b>			
NGO partners, International Organizations (IOs)	Economy and Market Systems, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, Agriculture and Food Security	NWFP	\$1,194,937
<b>TOTAL USAID/OTI</b>			<b>\$1,194,937</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
UNHCR, ICRC	Assistance to conflicted-affected populations	NWFP	\$5,300,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$5,300,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE IN FY 2009</b>			<b>\$2,208,401</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE IN FY 2009</b>			<b>\$7,508,401</b>
FY 2008			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
UNICEF, U.N. World Health Organization (WHO), U.N. Development Program (UNDP), U.N. Human Settlements Program (UN HABITAT), NGOs	Health, Nutrition, Risk Reduction, Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, Logistics and Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	NWFP	\$3,295,680
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$3,295,680</b>
<b>USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE</b>			
NGO partners	Economy and Market Systems, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, Agriculture and Food Security, WASH	NWFP	\$303,402
<b>TOTAL USAID/OTI</b>			<b>\$303,402</b>
<b>USAID/PAKISTAN ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
NGO partners	Livelihood Recovery, Relief Commodities	FATA	\$1,529,275
<b>TOTAL USAID/PAKISTAN</b>			<b>\$1,529,275</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$5,128,357</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$5,128,357</b>

<b>FY 2008 AND FY 2009</b>	
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE IN FY 2008 AND FY 2009</b>	<b>\$4,309,144</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE IN FY 2008 AND FY 2009</b>	<b>\$1,498,339</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID/PAKISTAN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2008 AND FY 2009<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$1,529,275</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE IN FY 2008 AND FY 2009<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$5,300,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE IN FY 2008 AND FY 2009</b>	<b>\$7,336,758</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE IN FY 2008 AND FY 2009</b>	<b>\$12,636,758</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of February 12, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Total USAID/Pakistan assistance in FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009 does not include funding for development activities.

<sup>3</sup> Total USG FY 2008 assistance does not include does not include more than \$51 million in regional humanitarian assistance provided by State/PRM.

## **PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION**

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for flooding and displacement response efforts in Pakistan can be found at [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org). Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Pakistan may be available at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID: [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)